Extra Short

A Prayer Is...

I couldn't ignore what Shion told me standing there on the threshold between life and death.

AM I SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING THE REMOTE POSSIBILITY I'LL EVER SEE THEM ALIVE AGAIN?
THIS IS THE MANHUNT.
EVEN IF THEY SURVIVED THEY'D JUST BE CAPTURED AND SHIPPED OFF TO THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.
It's a place where once you pass through that gate, you never come back out alive
There's no way they're coming back
They'll never stand before me again.
SFX: CLENCH
SFX: THUMP
But while I may understand it in my head... THIS just won't listen.
I know. I really do understand...
And yet.
OPEN

I TOLD YOU WE'D BE BACK, DIDN'T I?
I NEVER MAKE EMPTY PROMISES.
WHAT'S THIS?
YOU'RE BACK ALREADY?
YUP. WE'RE BACK NOW.
TSH, ACTING ALL HIGH AND MIGHTY!
SO NOW I GUESS I HAVE TO LISTEN TO YOUR BACKTALK AGAIN, HUH?
AND JUST WHAT--
--ARE YOU BABBLING?
I WASN'T EVEN ONE BIT...
"WORRY"? HAH SHOW!
SORRY WE WORRIED YOU, INUKASH!

THANK YOU FOR WORRYING ABOUT US.
I want... to have that conversation with them...
IDIOT...!
I'll just trust in you two.
I won't pray to my god.
"SURVIVE AND COME BACK."
And I won't stubbornly cling to hope either.
END

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